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Those issues belong with the state, and they belong with our state policymakers. Financial child support enforcement will not be successful until those issues are seriously considered, and those issues, again, are not in this bill. I really believe that Senator Pedersen's amendment that I hope we get to tonight, but I sort of doubt that we will, would leave license suspension with the district court only. That amendment would set aside the administrative process that LB 752 relies on. His amendment preserves due process and protection for the parent. A judicial process would be less costly to the state, which is the taxpayer, and this amendment would also meet the requirement of the federal mandate. And after all, the federal law says "procedure to suspend or restrict", but it does not say what kind of procedure. There's nothing in the federal law that says we have to do what this as LB 752 is written. A judicial procedure would be more child-friendly. A judge can, and I'm talking about Senator Pedersen's amendment now, I'm not talking about these amendments. A judge can look and act at all aspect of the obligor's, and rearrange the circumstances. LB 752 as written in nonfriendly to the child. And I repeat, there are those who would advocate money as the all and end-all. Children and families need wide protection. A judge can look at the financial child support award, the importance of driving to and from the child's home for parenting time, the obligor's ability and stability. I believe as responsible lawmakers and protectors of our children, we must exercise every precaution to prevent violence of any form.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR ROBAK: I believe the fallout of license suspension could be detrimental to children and parents. I think that very seriously we must consider that. I would reiterate that the federal law says "procedure to suspend or restrict", it doesn't say that we need to do all this hogwash. As a matter of fact, I think we should definitely...indefinitely postpone LB 752. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I agree with what Senator Robak said more than I agree with this amendment, but I do agree with Senator